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All persons are by nature free and independent, and have certain natural and unalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring, possessing, and protecting property, and of pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness. -- Article 1, Section 1, New Jersey State Constitution

A Message to American "Law Enforcement"

Losing the Mandate of Heaven

By Mike Vanderboegh

The Chinese have a traditional philosophical concept called "the Mandate of Heaven," which deals with the legitimacy of rulers. It is similar to the European concept of the divine right of kings, in that both seek to legitimize rule from divine approval; however, unlike the divine right of kings, the Mandate of Heaven is predicated on the conduct of the ruler in question. The Mandate of Heaven postulates that heaven will bless the authority of a just ruler and will be displeased by a despotic ruler and will withdraw its mandate, leading to the overthrow of that ruler. So believe the Chinese, even in the 21st Century.

For twenty years and more now we watched "peace officers" turned into paramilitary gangs of armed thugs, responsive only to the politicians who sign their paychecks.

For twenty years and more we have watched the federalization of our local police and sheriffs departments. This process was accelerated under George Bush's so-called "war on terror," with the universal fielding of Joint Task Forces and "fusion centers." Yet today we see that this unconstitutional vertical integration of law enforcement considers you -- the armed citizenry -- as greater enemies to themselves and the rotten system they seek to protect than the jihadis sent by the late and unlamented Usama bin Laden.

This country faces many threats and challenges and the police like to tell us that they are the "thin blue line" protecting us from the evil bad guys. But if you read police magazines these days, you will find much about police tactical teams adopting a "warrior ethos." Well, that begs the question -- with whom are they at war? Law-abiding citizens exercising their natural, God-given and inalienable rights, no matter how "rudely".

Now let me show you who some members of law enforcement think is the enemy -- who they train daily to engage until, like all training, it becomes unthinking and automatic.

This is a target [photo of armed clean-cut young white male] used by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety. Look familiar? It ought to. This fellow looks like all of you out there. And the New Mexico people are not the only ones who use targets like this.

This is who so-called "law enforcement" now considers to be the enemy.

Not muggers.

Not rapists.

Not even Usama Bin Laden, for that would be politically incorrect.

Their enemy, my friends, is YOU. It is US. It is the armed citizenry of the United States.

So I say to these members of law enforcement, all of whom took an oath to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States –

What makes you think that the orders of corrupt politicians trump that oath?

What makes you think that our rights are hostage to the anti-firearm neuroses of our neighbors?

What part of "Shall Not Be Infringed" don't you understand?

And given that, given that you now seem to regard US as the enemy of all police, why then should we not regard YOU as illegitimate?

You've delegitimized yourselves

Why then should we regard you -- if we are your enemy -- why should we not consider you OUR enemy?

How, then, will you react, Mr. Policeman, when you begin to see targets like this with uniformed police officers on them? Can you give us a good reason why we shouldn't return the favor?

This is unpleasant stuff. This is dangerous stuff. *BUT THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A REGIME DELEGITIMIZES ITSELF!*

This is what happens when a regime throws away the Mandate of Heaven.

Anarchy.

Murder.

Tyranny.

And if the law enforcement officers who have forgotten their oaths think that all they have to do is obey their unconstitutional bosses' orders in order to draw their pensions, future history will dictate otherwise.

-- From Vanderboegh's speech given at Temple, TX 1 June 2013

Background provided by www.dontcomply.com: Come and take it Temple- Armed March. We will be gathering for a legal armed open carry march to raise public awareness of gun laws in Texas. It is partially in response to the Temple Police Department violating the Second and Fourth Amendment rights of Active Duty MSGT Christopher J. Grisham who reports that, "While out hiking with my son through backcountry roads to help him earn his Eagle Scout rank, I was illegally arrested and disarmed without cause. I was thrown in jail and my lawfully owned weapons were confiscated without receipt or notice."

Cuomo to NY Sheriffs: Keep Quiet about Gun Law

By Larry Keane

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo invited representatives of the N.Y. State Sheriff's Association to discuss issues with the recently passed "SAFE Act."

According to the Albany Times Union, Cuomo told the sheriffs to cease and desist expressing their opposition to many of the law's provisions.

News flash to the governor: The Sheriff's Association and several individual sheriffs have joined the litigation against the new law. But the governor isn't out of options yet. At least one source says that Cuomo threatened to use an obscure power of the governor's office to remove sheriffs from office.

New York is not the only state where sheriffs are speaking out against new gun laws. In Colorado, a majority of state sheriffs have joined litigation against new gun laws. NSSF is a party to the Colorado lawsuit, and proud to support the sheriffs for pointing out obvious problems with the new law.

It is rapidly becoming a hallmark of anti-gun politicians to view the First Amendment with equal disdain as the Second Amendment. Both are "inconvenient truths" in their zeal to enact new restrictions on our rights and our industry.

-- NSSF blog May 22, 2013

Larry Keane is senior vice president and general counsel for the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Bilderbergers Huddle in England

The 61st Bilderberg meeting is set to take place from 6 until 9 June 2013 in Hertfordshire, UK. A total of around 140 participants from 21 European and North American countries have confirmed their attendance.

The key topics for discussion this year include:

• Can the US and Europe grow faster and create jobs?
• Jobs, entitlement and debt
• How big data is changing almost everything
• Nationalism and populism
• US foreign policy
• Africa's challenges
• Cyber warfare and the proliferation of asymmetric threats
• Major trends in medical research
• Online education: promise and impacts
• Politics of the European Union
• Developments in the Middle East
• Current affairs

There is no detailed agenda, no resolutions are proposed, no votes are taken, and no policy statements are issued.

Attendee List [USA and International]

USA: *Altman, Roger C., Executive Chairman, Evercore Partners
*Athey, Susan, Professor of Economics, Stanford Graduate School of Business
*Bezos, Jeff, Founder and CEO, Amazon.com
*Eberstadt, Nicholas N., Henry Wendt Chair in Political Economy, American Enterprise Institute
*Evans, J. Michael, Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs & Co.
*Feldstein, Martin S., Professor of Economics, Harvard University; President Emeritus, NBER
*Fishman, Mark C., President, Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research
*Geithner, Timothy F., Former Secretary of the Treasury
*Gfoeller, Michael, Political Consultant
*Graham, Donald E., Chairman and CEO, The Washington Post Company
*Jacobs, Kenneth M., Chairman and CEO, Lazard
*Johnson, James A., Chairman, Johnson Capital Partners
*Jordan, Jr., Vernon E., Managing Director, Lazard Freres & Co. LLC
*Kaplan, Robert D. Chief Geopolitical Analyst, Stratfor
*Karp, Alex Founder and CEO, Palantir Technologies
*Kissinger, Henry A., Chairman, Kissinger Associates, Inc.
*Kleinfeld, Klaus Chairman and CEO, Alcoa
*Kravis, Henry R., Co-Chairman and Co-CEO, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.
*Kravis, Marie-Josée, Senior Fellow and Vice Chair, Hudson Institute
*Lessig, Lawrence Roy L., Furman Professor of Law and Leadership, Harvard Law School; Director, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University
*Mathews, Jessica T., President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
*Mundie, Craig J., Senior Advisor to the CEO, Microsoft Corporation
*Ng, Andrew Y., Co-Founder, Coursera
*Ottolenghi, Emanuele, Senior Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies
*Perle, Richard N., Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
*Petraeus, David H., General, U.S. Army (Retired)
*Rubin, Robert E., Co-Chairman, Council on Foreign Relations; Former Secretary of the Treasury
*Schmidt, Eric E., Executive Chairman, Google Inc
*Slaughter, Anne-Marie, Bert G. Kerstetter '66 University Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Princeton University
*Thiel, Peter A., President, Thiel Capital
*Thompson, Craig B., CEO, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
*Warsh, Kevin, Distinguished Visiting Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University
*Wolfensohn, James D., Chairman and CEO, Wolfensohn and Company

International: Barroso, José M. Durão, President, European Commission
Lagarde, Christine, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund
Reding, Viviane, Vice President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission
Thiam, Tidjane, Group CEO, Prudential plc
Zoellick, Robert B., Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

-- www.bilderbergmeetings.org

Death to all who disbelieve in Allah and the Prophet!

AMMAN (Reuters) - Members of an al Qaeda-linked Islamist group in the Syrian city of Aleppo executed a 15-year-old boy in front of his parents on Sunday as punishment for what the group regarded as a heretical comment, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Mohammad Qataa was shot in the face and neck a day after being seized, said the pro-opposition monitoring group, which is based in Britain and uses a network of observers across Syria.

The Observatory, which based its report on witness accounts of the killing, said Qataa, who was a street vendor selling coffee in the working-class Shaar neighborhood, was overheard saying: "Even if the Prophet Mohammad comes down (from heaven), I will not become a believer."

The gunmen, who belong to the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria took Qatta on Saturday and brought him back alive to his wooden stand, with whiplash marks visible on his body.

"A member of the fighting brigade said: 'Generous citizens of Aleppo, disbelieving in God is polytheism and cursing the prophet is a

polytheism. Whoever curses even once will be punished like this."

"He then fired two bullets from an automatic rifle in view of the crowd and in front of the boy's mother and father, and got into a car and left," the report said.

-- Reuters, June 9, 2013

Film Review: *Dirty Wars*

By Rob Nelson

"Filed from the frontlines of the war on terror, documentarian Richard Rowley's astonishingly hard-hitting *Dirty Wars* renders the investigative work of journalist Jeremy Scahill in the form of a '70s-style conspiracy thriller. A reporter for the Nation, Scahill follows a blood-strewn trail from a remote corner of Afghanistan, where covert night raids have claimed the lives of innocents, to the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), a shadowy outfit empowered by the current White House to assassinate those on an ever-expanding 'kill list,' including at least one American. This jaw-dropping, persuasively researched pic has the power to pry open government lockboxes."

-- *Variety*, posted on dirtywars.org

Connecting the Dots on PRISM

By James Bamford

Physically, the NSA has always been well protected by miles of high fences and electrified wire, thousands of cameras, and gun-toting guards. But that was to protect the agency from those on the outside trying to get in to steal secrets. Now it is confronting a new challenge: those on the inside going out and giving the secrets away.

As someone who has written many books and articles about the agency, I have seldom seen the NSA in such a state. Like a night prowler with a bag of stolen goods suddenly caught in a powerful Klieg light, it now finds itself under the glare of nonstop press coverage, accused of robbing the public of its right to privacy. Despite the standard denials from the agency's public relations office, the documents [released by Edward Snowden] outline a massive operation to secretly keep track of everyone's phone calls on a daily basis – billions upon billions of private records; and another to reroute the pipes going in and out of Google, Apple, Yahoo, and the other Internet giants through Fort Meade – figuratively if not literally.

But long before Edward Snowden walked out of the NSA with his trove of documents, whistleblowers there had been trying for years to bring attention to the massive turn toward domestic spying that the agency was making. Last year in my Wired cover story on the enormous new NSA data center in Utah, Bill Binney, the man who largely designed the agency's worldwide eavesdropping system, warned of the secret, nationwide surveillance. He told how the NSA had gained access to billions of billing records not only from AT&T but also from Verizon. "That multiplies the call rate by at least a factor of five," he said. "So you're over a billion and a half calls a day." Among the top-secret documents Snowden released was a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court order proving the truth to Binney's claim and indicating that the operation was still going on.

Without documents to prove their claims, the agency simply dismissed them as falsehoods and much of the mainstream press simply accepted that. "We don't hold data on U.S. citizens," General Keith Alexander said in a talk at the American Enterprise Institute last summer, by which time he had been serving as the head of the NSA for six years. Director of National Intelligence James Clapper made similar claims. At a hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee last March, he was asked, "Does the NSA collect any type of data at all on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans?" To which Clapper responded, "No, sir."

The documents released by Snowden, pointing to the nationwide collection of telephone data records, prove the responses untrue. The deception by General Alexander is especially troubling. In my new cover story for Wired's July issue, which will be published online Thursday, I show how he has become the most powerful intelligence chief in the nation's history. Never before has anyone in America's intelligence sphere come close to his degree of power, the number of people under his command, the expanse of his rule, the length of his reign, or the depth of his secrecy. A four-star Army general, his authority extends across three domains: He is director of the world's largest intelligence service, the National Security Agency; chief of the Central Security Service; and commander of the U.S. Cyber Command. As such, he has his own secret military, presiding over the Navy's 10th Fleet, the 24th Air Force, and the Second Army.

At a time when the NSA has lost its way and is increasingly infringing on the privacy of ordinary Americans, it shouldn't come as much of a surprise that NSA employees — whether working for the agency or for one of its contractors — would feel the obligation to alert the public to the secret acts being carried out in its name. The only surprise is that we haven't seen more such disclosures. General Alexander will surely use all his considerable power to prevent them. Don't be surprised if he fails.

-- Wired 12 June13

Ed.: PRISM is NSA's illegal data mining program.

How to Protect Your Communications from the NSA

By Roberto Baldwin

Your private conversations aren't that private. In fact, the government is tapped into the servers of the top technology companies. So how do you communicate without the whole world finding out that you've visited the doctor 12 times recently for a mysterious rash? Well it's not easy, but there are ways to keep your correspondence off the grid.

Clearly you can't use your own phone, given that the government already is compiling metadata on who you call and how often. To limit the chance of being spied upon while making calls on the go you need to invest in a "burner" phone (so named because such phones are used for a brief period of time). As anyone who watched The Wire knows, these cheap pay-as-you-go phones can be picked up at most electronic stores and some convenience stores. If you're extra parano... er, cautious, pay cash. if you're extra, extra parano..., pay cash and never buy them from the same store twice.

Of course, the person you're calling also needs a burner phone. What's the point of using an anonymous phone if the person you're calling is using their potentially tapped personal phone?

Regarding email, a quickie burner account from Gmail or other online outfit isn't enough. By tracing the IP address of a sent email, law enforcement can determine where an email originated. It doesn't take NSA-level access to Google's servers to trace the origin of all those emails you sent to the UN and the White House about black helicopters and the New World Order.

To effectively hide your identity, you need to use Tor. Tor was developed by the U.S. Navy to help

protect government communications [by creating] a network of virtual tunnels that ISPs and other more nefarious organizations can't track. Just download the Tor browser and start emailing.

But not with Gmail. Use Hushmail's secure email service. It has fancy security features like OpenPGP to encrypt all those emails you're sending to your friends about the party at the lake this weekend.

And finally, don't open any documents, enable any Flash or Quicktime files, or enable or install any browser plugins while using Tor or web-based email. All of those could potentially reveal your location.

Like your phone calls, this works best when your friends start using Tor and anonymous email accounts Hushmail. Just tell them it's like you're super spies.

Google, AIM, Yahoo and Skype may do a good job securing your chats, but when the NSA comes to the door, all your communications are available for scrutiny. Instead of letting big brother read all your LOLs, OMGs, and WTFs, you need to start using OTR (off the record) messaging. Such messages are encrypted so they can't actually be read if they're intercepted or pulled with a subpoena.

Just head on over to the OTR messaging site. If you use Pidgin for Windows, you can download a plugin. If you use anything else you can download the source code, library, and toolkit to get OTR working on your machine. Yeah, you might need a degree in computer science to get up and running, but if private IMs are important to you, you won't mind compiling some software to chat with friends.

Once that's all done, launch Tor and use that in conjunction with OTR. And of course, go to your friends' houses and do the same thing on their computer.

Sometime you have to meet people in real life. What if they're wearing a wire. One way to deter audio recording is to talk near a waterfall or other location bathed in white noise. (It totally worked for the terrorists on Homeland).

The fact of the matter is that total privacy isn't just tough, it's nearly impossible for the average person. Even if you follow all recommended tips, the biggest breach is still the person on the other end. You could go through all the hassle of making sure your messages are private and they could just throw all those messages onto the Internet.

-- Wired 08 June 13

Useful Phrases for the Surveillance State

By Andy Borowitz

In the event that the U.S. government is monitoring your conversations, here are some useful phrases to insert into your phone calls, texts, or e-mails:

I think the N.S.A. is awesome.

I just reread "Nineteen Eighty-Four" - it actually has a lot of good ideas in it!

There's no such thing as a "bad" drone.

Sure am glad that I never talk to any foreigners.

I wouldn't know the first thing about making ricin.

The Fourth Amendment is overrated.

If you ask me, Guantánamo is full of nothing but complainers.

Just changed my Facebook status from "Single" to "In a Relationship with America."

I'm pretty sure my neighbor is cheating on his taxes.

-- The New Yorker 11 June 13

Mobile phone app identifies gun-free zones

GunFreeZoneApp.com, a mobile phone app company, today announced the release of its new mobile phone app, GunFreeZone. The app will identify the nearest 20 commercial locations, including businesses, churches and schools, as either firearm friendly or gun free.

In some states, a gun free zone sign on the front door of a business has the effect of law. The GunFreeZone app can alert people with concealed weapons, helping avoid those locations to shop elsewhere and avoid an unintentional offense. At the same time, people concerned about the proliferation of guns in society can easily identify gun free zones where they might feel safer.

By identifying commercial locations that share their views, users can advance their opinions by shopping at and otherwise supporting those locations.

"Guns are a hot topic and emotions run deep," said Karl Hale, the app developer and founder. "Activists on both sides of the firearms debate want a way to make their voices heard."

John Peden, another founder of GunFreeZone said, "We just released the app and already over 3000 people from every state in the US have downloaded the app and have marked almost 10,000 locations so far. At this rate, we expect every commercial location in the country to be marked in short order."

When a user opens the GunFreeZone app, the phone utilizes GPS to find its location and the nearest 20 stores. Touching a store's name brings up the page where users can select to mark the store as either a gun free zone or firearm friendly. The app tracks how many people have marked the location as either firearm friendly or a gun free zone. That information is shared with every other user of the app.

GunFreeZone is not pushing a political agenda nor does it tell users what to do; it simply gathers and shares information

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-- http://gunfreezoneapp.com, Press Release March 18th, 2013

"God, guns and guts made America free"

Titusville**,** FL **-** "The IRS scandal shows you can't trust government," gun rights expert John M. Snyder said here today.

"In this case," he added, "officials used their authority for political purposes against certain individuals and organizations. According to reports, there are separate attempts in Washington to try to get to the bottom of the situation.

"The underlying message of the news is that government misuse of power against the people always is a possibility. The truth is that government is a potential enemy of the people."

Snyder said that, "In order to maintain the people's freedom, the power of government must be circumscribed, as our Founding Fathers intended. Most rational citizens probably would agree that today government in the United States is too extensive and intrusive and should be severely curtailed."

"The people," he said, "must be superior to government.

"People need guns to be dominant in the country. It truly is positive that 100 million Americans own 300 million rifles, shotguns and

In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. – Mark Twain

handguns. People purchase over 10 million new firearms each year."

"The fanatic cries for more and more gun control really are nonsensical, even hysterical," Snyder said. "Many current restrictions on firearms acquisition should be eliminated.

"As the current IRS controversy demonstrates, government restricts and undermines liberty. God, guns and guts make Americans free."

About John Snyder: Named the Gun Dean by Human Events, "the senior rights activist in Washington" by Shotgun News, a *"champion of the right to self-defense"* by The Washington Times, and *"dean of gun lobbyists"* by The Washington Post and The New York Times, John M. Snyder has spent 45 years as a proponent of the individual Second Amendment civil right to keep and bear arms as a National Rifle Association editor, public affairs director of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, treasurer of the Second Amendment Foundation, and founder of www.GunRightsPolicies.org.

A former Jesuit seminarian, Snyder serves on the boards of the National Association of Chiefs of Police and the American Federation of Police & Concerned Citizens. He is also the author of the book *Gun Saint*. Visit: www.GunRightsPolicies

-- www.ammoland.com June 13, 2013

'Smart Rifle' Could Shake Up Gun Control Debate

By Paul Barrett

TrackingPoint, a startup tech company in Austin, Tex., has just started selling the most advanced long-distance rifle available on the civilian market. The weapon incorporates laser and computer technology, as well as a three-dimensional color graphics display, to allow even a novice shooter to hit moving targets at 500 yards (five football fields) or farther. Its Wi-Fi transmitter permits the user to stream live video and audio to an iPad (AAPL) and post impressive kill shots on Facebook (FB) or YouTube (GOOG)

"This is a weapon that will get the *Call of Duty* generation into the real shooting sports," says TrackingPoint's chief executive, Jason Schauble, a 38-year-old decorated special-ops officer who retired from the Marine Corps after being seriously wounded in Iraq.

TrackingPoint's customized rifles sell for $22,000 to $27,000 apiece, depending on just how tricked-out consumers want their weapons.

The gun part resembles a modern military-style bolt-action rifle. The science-fiction part looks like a three-headed long-range scope. By pushing a small button near the trigger, they lock a red laser dot on their quarry—a deer or bear, for example. The red laser tag remains on the target, even if it moves. Shooters then align the red dot with a blue cross-hair, or reticle, which also appears on the screen. They depress the trigger. The gun "decides" exactly when to fire. That happens only when the cross-hair aligns perfectly with the red dot, taking into account the distance, barometric pressure, temperature, the curvature of the earth, and other variables.

Until now, hunters, snipers, and other long-distance shooters would have to train for years, if not a lifetime, to master all of the variables.

TrackingPoint vets each purchaser individually. The finished product is then shipped to a federally licensed gun dealer in the buyer's home state. The local dealer has to perform an independent background check, using the FBI's computerized data base. On top of those precautions, TrackingPoint rifles come with the option of a password-protected lock on the scope. Users that employ this device can block the tracking technology the same way an iPhone can be password-protected. The rifle then functions as a "dumb" weapon, without the special long-distance aiming capacity.

The company decided not to include GPS technology in its weapons. Such a feature would have allowed owners to locate stolen or misplaced firearms, but it might have offended libertarians who fear the government might track their weapons.

-- BloombergBusinessWeek May 22, 2013

Beretta to withdraw partially from Maryland

Politics in Maryland have been threatening Beretta's ability to do business in the state.

And then yesterday, Maryland's Governor signed SB281 into law. Now Beretta will be moving at least part of their production and warehousing out of Maryland.

The new law will restrict the number of rounds allowed in magazines to 10. While this won't impact Nano, or Pico production or distribution, the magazine limit will make it difficult to work with the 92, 96, PX4, and the ARX 100. Standard capacity M9 magazines couldn't be brought into or warehoused in the state.

And the "assault weapon" restrictions will make the ARX 100 illegal in Maryland. While that may not hinder production of the 5.56 tactical rifle, Maryland residents couldn't own the gun.

New restrictions on Maryland FFL holders will also apply to Beretta. Beretta's ability to service guns would be curtailed.

Beretta released a statement yesterday: "The idea now of investing additional funds in Maryland and thus rewarding a Government that has insulted our customers and our products is offensive to us so we will take steps to evaluate such investments in other States. At the same time, we will continue our current necessary operations within Maryland and we are thankful for and welcome the continued support of our employees as we do so."

-- www.guns.com/2013/05/17

MD counties stand against the gun bill

Carroll County Commissioner Richard Rothschild has been the driving force behind the Board of Commissioners' vote Wednesday night to stand against the Maryland Firearms and Safety Act (MFSA), the gun-grabbing legislation just passed by the Maryland General Assembly.

His website, Uphold My Oath, strives to educate elected officials on their duty to uphold the constitution and further lays out a detailed plan for legislators to stand in defense of it.

Wednesday night, the board held a public input hearing on a resolution that nullified within the county five areas of the law that infringe on the Second Amendment. In addition, they called null and void any international treaties which infringe upon the right of citizens to bear arms.

Only one citizen spoke against the resolution, the chairman of the Carroll County Democratic Party. Vote results were unanimously in favor of the resolution by the four commissioners who were present. One commissioner was absent but submitted a written statement of support.

The board acted in concert with the judicial and law enforcement departments of county government, namely the county sheriff and state's attorney.

Carroll County was the third county in Maryland, after Cecil and Harford, to enact a resolution in defiance of the MFSA

-- www.examiner.com May 24, 2013

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"We [the people] are the 1st-responders; the police are our backup!"

-- Glenn Beck, in his keynote address to the 2013 NRA Convention

IRS Training with Semi-automatic Rifles

US Congressman Jeff Duncan says that he saw IRS "special agents" using semi-automatic rifles during a visit to a federal law enforcement facility at the end of May.

He noted that the agents seemed to be using AR-15 rifles. Rep. Duncan stated that he will begin pressing the agency for answers as to why the nation's taxing agency is training with semi-automatic weapons, and added that he could not "fathom a reason they would need that."

The revaluation comes on the heels of increased scrutiny of government stockpiling of weapons and ammo. Recently, Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) and Rep. Frank Lucas (R-OK) introduced the Ammunition Management for More Obtainability (AMMO) Act of 2013 to curb the stockpiling of ammo by the Department of Homeland Security, by requiring the Government Accountability Office to produce reports covering ammunition purchases by federal agencies. When speaking about his motivation for introducing the AMMO Act, Rep. Lucas said he was "surprised to find out the DHS has the right to buy up to 750 million rounds of ammunition over the next five years, while it already has two years' worth of ammo already."

Additional concern is being raised over IRS agents training with heavy firepower, as it was recently revealed that the IRS has been targeting US citizens based on their political views.

-- http://usbcnews.com June 13, 2013

Senate Rejects Firearms on More Federal Lands

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Senate has rejected an effort to expand the use of firearms on the heavily visited lands of the Army Corps of Engineers.

The vote for the proposal by Sen. Tom Coburn was 56-43 for the legislation, but that fell short of the 60 votes needed.

The measure would have let people carry guns onto Corps property for any legal purpose. They currently can only be used there for activities like hunting or target shooting.

The agency oversees nearly 12 million acres containing dams, lakes and trails used for recreation by 370 million visitors annually.

The Oklahoma Republican said the right to bear arms should be the same on Corps property as it already is in national parks. Opponents said the weapons could threaten critical facilities like dams and flood control projects.

-- May 8, 2013

Feds force removal of 3-D gun blue prints

Game over for Cody Wilson and his 3-D gun-printing company, Defense Distributed.

The Texas law student announced via Twitter Thursday that the federal government had ordered him to remove several sets of blueprints, including those for the 3-D "Liberator" gun, from the company's website, DEFCAD.org.

"We got an official letter from the Secretary of State, telling me who they were, what their authority was under U.S. law and telling me they want to review these files to see if they're class one munitions," Wilson told Betabeat. "That includes blueprints."

The letter he was referring to came from the U.S. Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance, Enforcement Division (DTCC/END), which had demanded that Defense Distributed remove the blueprints from the public domain. While he is not legally restricted from making the weapons for his own use, sharing the blueprints without a license or written approval from the government is illegal.

Defense Distributed has instead placed a red banner on the website that reads "DEFCAD files are being removed from public access at the request of the US Department of Defense Trade Controls. Until further notice, the United States government claims control of the information." The company also issued a tweet informing its supporters of the situation.

According to Forbes, it took just two days for the Liberator's designs to be downloaded more than 100,000 times. Very few of these individuals would be able to actually build the gun, however, as 3-D printers are not readily available and cost thousands of dollars.

-- redalertpolitics.com 2013/05/09

Is 911 a joke - Trenton man held off intruder for a half hour before cops arrived

By Steve Rossi

Public Enemy had it right when Flava Flav proclaimed, "911 is a joke in your town!"

Police officials are examining the response to a 911 call Sunday night that left a city man struggling with an intruder at his building without any officers arriving.

Dan Dodson said it was 20 or 30 minutes before two officers eventually arrived in response to his wife's calls to police telephone numbers.

"We're looking into it to determine if the proper protocols were followed," Lt. Steve Varn said yesterday evening.

-- nj101.5 May 7, 2013

Toy Gun Turn-in Planned

Strobridge Elementary Principal Charles Hill is holding a toy gun exchange in which students of the Hayward, CA school can turn in a toy gun to receive a book and a raffle ticket to win a bicycle.

Hill believes that children who play with toy guns may not think real guns are dangerous.

Hill, asserted that police are justifiably afraid when they face armed suspects, and toy guns have been mistaken for real ones.

But Yih-Chau Chang, spokesman for Responsible Citizens of California, said, "Having a group of children playing cops and robbers or cowboys and Indians is a normal part of growing up." – breitbart.com 6/10/2013

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